

SENATORS DISCUSS THE CUBAN RECIPROcity BILL

Messrs. Foster, Fairbanks, Depew and Clay Participate in the Debate.

CAUCUS OF DEMOCRATS

Who Practically Agreed Not to Offer Any Amendments to the Measure.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Senate spent more than five hours to-day discussing the Cuban reciprocity bill. Mr. Foster, of Louisiana, led the discussion and occupied the greater part of the day with an argument in opposition to the measure. He declared that its passage would greatly injure, if it did not destroy, the sugar-growing industry of the United States. "Cuba is competent within the life of the treaty," said Mr. Foster, "to make all the sugar this country needs. It can make sugar cheaper, and with the reduction which is made in this treaty it means the slow but sure death of the beet industry and the certain death of the cane industry of my State. All the development in this country will be checked. We will never be able to get capital to invest in beet sugar plants in the West in face of the showing that can be made in Cuba."

Mr. Fairbanks inquired the relative cost of the production of sugar in Cuba, and of both cane and beet sugar in the United States. Mr. Foster gave the cost of sugar production in Cuba at from 1 cent to 1 1/2 cents per pound. While he said the cost of cane sugar production in Louisiana is estimated at 2 cents a pound and that of beet sugar in the West at a slight increase over this figure, Mr. Fairbanks then asked if the sugar industry in Cuba would not in time inundate the industry of this country even without this tariff reduction.

Mr. Foster declared that probably would be the result, but that the passage of this bill would only hasten it.

Senator Depew, on the Republican side, and Senator Clay, on the Democratic side, supported the bill as a measure in the interest of both countries. Mr. Clay said that he accepted as a provision for the reduction of the duties on the part of both countries.

The Democratic senators in caucus to-day practically reached the conclusion not to offer any amendments to the Cuban reciprocity bill when it was voted on in the Senate next Wednesday. The caucus was called at the instance of the Democratic steering committee, which presented a recommendation against amendments on the ground that if offered they and not the bill itself would be made the subject of discussion. The caucus was an animated one and was sharply divided on the point at issue, many of the senators contending that numerous amendments should be presented and others holding out against any effort whatever to change the character of the bill and standing for a straight party vote against it. The caucus continued until after the beginning of the regular daily session of the Senate and in the end the committee won its point. It adjourned to meet next Monday for the purpose of discussing the general policy to be pursued by the Democrats during the present session with reference to the situation in Panama.

Senator Quayles to-day introduced a bill to further define the duties and powers of the Interstate-commerce Commission. It provides that an order made by the commission after a hearing and determination had on any petition, declaring any existing rates for the transportation of persons or property to be unjustly discriminatory, unreasonable, and declaring what rates would be just, shall become operative and be observed within thirty days after notice. It provides also that in the event of neglect to obey any order of the commission, performance thereof may be enforced by writ of injunction or other proper process besides a penalty of \$5,000 for each day of the continuance of the violation.

The President sent to the Senate the following nominations: Assistant treasurer, Thomas J. Atkins, of St. Louis; director of internal revenue, Edward E. Butler, for the second district of Tennessee; envoy extraordinary to Mexico, plenipotentiary to Panama, William L. Buchanan, of New York.

CONVICT EATS THE HEADS OFF MATCHES

Mystery in the Death of a Prisoner Known as "Frank Wilson."

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—G. T. Sparr, a wealthy business man of Columbus, O., tonight shipped to an undertaker in that city the body of a man who committed suicide yesterday in the county jail in this city by eating the heads off matches. The man, who had served five years in the penitentiary at Joliet and had been paroled for the remainder of his original sentence of ten years for selling stolen diamonds, was known to the police as "Frank Wilson."

He is said to be a relative of prominent people in Columbus, and the initials of his name are known to be "W. N. G.," but beyond that nothing is known of his true name.

Mr. Sparr telephoned to friends in this city as soon as he heard of the death of the man called Wilson and asked them to view the body, and, if possible, identify it. They refused to say whether or not they knew the man, but they all agreed to come to Chicago, claimed the body and had it shipped to Columbus. The greatest care was taken to avoid giving any information as to the actual identity of the man.

ILLINOIS MURDERER GIVEN LONG SENTENCE

Fred Mink, Slayer of Two Persons, Ordered to Prison for 99 Years on Each Charge.

PITTSFIELD, Ill., Dec. 12.—Fred Mink pleaded guilty in the Pike county Circuit Court to-day to the double murder of Newton Harris and stepmother, Mrs. Adam Mink, and was sentenced by Judge Hulse to ninety-nine years in Chester penitentiary on each charge. On Saturday, June 12 last, Mink shot and killed Newton Harris, a wealthy farmer, near Pittsfield, in the fields and the following evening while his father, Adam Mink, and stepmother were at supper he walked into the dining room and shot his mother dead. He defied Sheriff Main and his posse to arrest him and escaped. He was found the next night in a barn near the scene of the murder and gave himself up and was taken to Pittsfield under the guard of a company of militia and lodged in jail. Mink killed his stepmother because, he said, she had interfered with his love affairs.

MURDERER SURRENDERS.

Said He Was Unable to Stay Away from His Family.

MARION, O., Dec. 12.—A desire to be near his children prompted Jerry Simms, who committed murder in the town of De-cliff, west of here, last August, to give himself up to Sheriff Sells to-day. Simms shot and killed his neighbor, George Miller, a wealthy farmer, last August. Being afraid of mob violence if he gave himself up, he left the county, spending much of his time in the Western States. Unable to communicate with his family he worried over their welfare until he could stay away no longer, and to-day appeared at the residence of the sheriff, revealed his identity and gave himself up. He asserts that when the facts connected with the murder are known he will not be convicted, and swears as a case in his confinement.

SENATE TAKES STEPS TO REPEAL THE SMOOT CASE

Committee on Elections Sends Copy of Charges to Utah Senator for a Specific Reply.

NO ACTION AT PRESENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Senate committee on privileges and elections met to-day to outline a policy in connection with the protests against the retention of its seat by Reed Smoot, of Utah. It was decided that Senator Smoot shall be asked to reply to the charges before any further action is given to the case.

The specific charge that Mr. Smoot is a polygamist is made by John T. Leitch. The other charges are signed by eighteen citizens of Utah, of whom fourteen are Republicans and four Democrats. A statement has been filed with the committee giving the occupations and other facts concerning the signers. This statement shows that the men are of good standing. The charges are as follows:

First—The Mormon priesthood, according to the doctrines of that church, is vested with supreme authority in all things temporal and spiritual.

Second—The first presidency and twelve apostles are supreme in the exercise and transmission of the mandates of this authority.

Third—As this body of men has not abandoned the principles and practice of polygamy, and as it has not abandoned belief in polygamy and polygamous cohabitation.

Fourth—That this is the attitude of the first presidency and apostolate, even since the suspensory manifesto of 1890, is evidenced by their teachings.

Fifth—This body of officials, of whom Senator-elect Smoot is one, also practice or permit the practice of polygamy and polygamous cohabitation, and those whom they have permitted to do so have not been punished without protest or objection from them, sought to pass a law nullifying enactments against polygamous cohabitation.

Sixth—The authorities in the church, of whom Senator-elect Smoot is one, to wit, the first presidency and twelve apostles, not only continue at violations of, but protect and honor the violators of the laws against polygamy and polygamous cohabitation.

During the meeting it was stated on behalf of Senator Smoot that he had employed counsel and that John G. Carlisle would conduct the prosecution. There was considerable informal discussion of the case, in the course of which Senator Hoar spoke of the charge that the Mormon church had undertaken to dictate the course of political affairs, and said that it was a very serious matter. He urged careful inquiry on that point. The consensus of opinion was that if the investigation was begun it should be thorough.

At the committee adjourned Senator Burrows notified Senator Smoot in writing of the committee's action and forwarded to him a copy of the charges. The Utah senator, discussing the matter, said he would be glad to prepare a statement in answer to the charges, but that it was not practicable as a senator as soon as practicable, and added that if necessary he would bring witnesses to substantiate his assertions.

MOB MAY TRY TO LYNCH THE ASSASSIN OF MISS ELIZABETH GILLESPIE

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that the family does not oppose an investigation, but fears that the examination, if conducted, will not tend to secure facts, but to support a hypothesis. This afternoon a letter was received from the father of the girl who was killed, stating that his sister had been losing her mind for some time past, but this statement was given with little credence, as no one suspected anything of that kind. With the exception of William Gillespie and his family, the rest have not been members of the Gillespie or Barbour families at the home of the dead woman since she was assassinated. It was a long time before the ignoring of the dead sister grinds heavily on the community. The doctor's testimony before the grand jury to-day was devoted to explaining the feelings of members of the family toward each other.

Among the other witnesses to-day were Frank Cunningham, William Holmes, John Harris, W. B. Neal, William Whitlock and Professor and Mrs. Handell. Cunningham stated that he told the grand jury his belief as to who killed Elizabeth Gillespie. He also testified to what he knew about the ill feeling existing between the twin brother and twin sister.

Other witnesses testified to the mysterious disappearance recently of a deed to the Harman property that the mother had given to her son, and that the latter brought this deed from the courthouse, finally finding it and it was afterwards found by Miss Elizabeth Bates lying in the snow near the Gillespie home and Mr. Tom Johnson, who the document was supposed to be a will by the party who had taken the envelope away. Reports are being made to prove that Elizabeth Gillespie dropped the deed herself while carrying it home.

William Whitlock, whose sawmill is within seventy-five yards of the Gillespie house, says he testified to witnessing the flash of the weapon and seeing the man run away from the house. The man ran toward his sawmill before crossing the street, but he could not recognize the party in the darkness.

Prof. Carey Canfield, of the Rising Sun High School, and his wife testified to hearing the fatal shot and other circumstances, but they were unable to see anyone about the crime at the time.

Interest centered in the testimony of Frank Sebastian, colored, who was near the Gillespie home when he heard the shot and saw the man behind the tree in front of the house. The man disappeared immediately, and in the darkness Sebastian did not recognize the man. It was stated to-day that there are three other witnesses who saw a man behind that tree at the time of the shooting.

Sheriff Rump says he has been warned not to go to the home of a certain suspected party. The officers are pursuing a strict view, even the one that a woman had threatened Miss Gillespie recently.

Prosecutors Walker and Davis say the grand jury will not report before next Tuesday, when they are confident of an indictment on which the case will be tried.

All arrangements for the funeral of Miss Gillespie have been made. The services will be held in the Presbyterian church on Main street, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Rev. John Henry will officiate.

Dr. A. B. Harriman stated tonight that in his testimony before the grand jury to-day he possibly did away with the theory that the deed was committed in the house to her home. Dr. Harriman testified that he had not been on very friendly terms with the victim and his wife some business differences. He was in McHenry's store when he heard the shooting and he knew nothing about the man who shot her, but that is said to have been found in the alley back of his house.

The prosecution to-night claims to have found an important witness at Aurora, who will be called on Monday. Aurora is on the Baltimore & Ohio Southern railway, eight miles from here. It is the nearest railway station to Rising Sun, when Elizabeth Gillespie was returning to her home. She recently and engaged a liverlyman to drive her from Aurora to Rising Sun, the driver says she told him that she dreaded to get back home as she was living in fear of her life all the time. This witness says he will testify to the one she named in the conversation as threatening her life.

A Thousand Men Made Idle.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Some days ago the leading factories at Batavia, Ill., informed the men that business conditions were such that it was imperative for them to have a ten-hour work day. The unions refused to agree to the ten-hour day and a number of the factories shut down to-day. The closing of the factories throws nearly 1,000 men out of work.

Manager Lohman, of Oakland, refuses to deny or affirm the signing of Pitcher Schmidt of the Brooklyn club, for next season in Ewing's contract. He has signed a three-year contract with Oakland.

MAIL CARRIERS WANT INCREASE IN SALARIES

House Committee on Postoffices Will Consider the Matter Soon After the Holidays.

MR. BRISTOW'S REPORT

To Be Considered by Overstreet's Committee—Fight Against Horace Speed.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The committee on postoffices will take up soon after the holidays the question of increased salaries for rural carriers, and the recommendation of the department that an emergency appropriation be allowed as soon as the present funds are exhausted. Numerous petitions are being received from Indiana urging increased salaries for carriers on rural routes, and at least one hundred bills have been presented to Congress for the purpose.

There is every reason to believe the carriers will either be granted additional compensation or an allowance for horse hire and equipment. The funds now available for the extension of rural free delivery will be exhausted by the latter part of February. An emergency appropriation will then be made in order that the extension of rural routes shall not be interrupted.

Postmaster General Payne will on Monday forward the Bristow report to the House committee on postoffices. Representative Overstreet has called a meeting of the committee for Tuesday. Consideration will then be given the report and a decision reached as to whether it shall be printed. Chairman Overstreet will complete the organization of the committee at the coming meeting. He will assign the members to take up special subjects relating to postal service and hopes that by the time Congress reconvenes in January the committee will be in a position to consider intelligently such new legislation as may be necessary to improve the administration of the department and the routine supply bill. Representative Overstreet believes that as far as possible the Postoffice Department should be conducted on non-political lines and any bill which would be enacted will embrace a proposition intended to bring about such an end.

Permission has been granted the Prairie Gas and Oil Company, in which many Indiana capitalists are interested, to negotiate with the Osage Indians for right of way to construct a pipeline into Oklahoma Territory. Hundreds of telegrams were recently received from Indiana urging members of the delegation to take up the matter with the Senate.

It is understood that the Stand-ard Oil Company has been foundered and a pipeline from the wells in the Territory to some point in Kansas.

As evidence of the activity along peculiar lines which is being conducted in the defense of Senator Smoot, of Utah, it is noted that business men in several States are sending in here to members of the Senate strong letters deprecating the attack upon Smoot, and urging that the Senate pay no attention to the matter. A number of such letters were received from Indiana, and some of the writers are business men from business houses in their States calling attention to the receipt of letters from business men in Utah.

Mr. Smoot is not a polygamist, but he is an upright and reputable business man. He is a native of Indiana and is related to him is that he is an apostle of the Mormon Church.

There is some curiosity in Washington as to what action Perry Heath will take relative to the attack upon him in the postal report of Fourth Assistant Bristow. Some of his friends say that it is his intention to ask for a congressional investigation, but if that is the case, Mr. Heath has so far withheld his purpose to his intimates.

It is understood that persons in Oklahoma are fighting the reappointment of Horace Speed, of Indianapolis, as United States attorney for the Territory. Mr. Speed's four-year term expires about Jan. 15, and whether he will be reappointed is not a certainty. He is a candidate. Delegate McGuire, of Oklahoma, to-day called on President Roosevelt and finally secured appointments, including the United States attorneyship. Charges were recently preferred against Mr. Speed, but no attention was paid to them at the Department of Justice.

A fight is being made before the Senate against the nomination of Judge Kimball, of the District Bench, who formerly resided in Fort Wayne. Charges have been made against him by the negroes of Washington, but they are not regarded of a serious nature.

State Senator Charles Thompson, of Indianapolis, is here on business before the department.

In accordance with the recommendation of Rear Admiral C. Taylor, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, the close of the winter maneuvers in the Caribbean sea, the European squadron will be assigned to the South Atlantic station, the South Atlantic squadron to the Caribbean sea and the Caribbean squadron to the European station, thus giving the officers and men a change of scene and of duties. The date of the return of Rear Admiral Evans's squadron to the Asiatic station after its arrival at Honolulu this month will depend on the situation of the debt, to which the squadron may be sent if needed.

The secretary of the navy has approved a project for manning eleven of the twenty naval colliders with naval officers and enlisted men at the beginning of the next fiscal year, which will be the same as with the remaining nine colliders as rapidly as the conditions of the service will permit. The colliders are now officered and manned by civilians.

General Young, chief of staff of the army, has granted the application of a number of officers of the Oklahoma National Guard to attend the regular army school for officers at Fort Sill without expense. The school is initiated a new policy in the training of army tactical schools to military officers.

Representatives Overstreet and Crum-packer were among the callers at the White House to-day. The latter, secretary of the Thomas W. Burt and J. D. Bartlett, of Lafayette, to President Roosevelt.

R. Harry Miller, of Fairmount, representative of the Indiana League of Republican clubs, was one of the guests of President Roosevelt at luncheon to-day.

JOHN E. MONK.

MYSTERY IN FORTUNE OF TWENTY MILLIONS

Priest Alleged to Have Illegally Acquired Wealth of Sea Captain.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—A dispatch to the Petit Parisien from Nice tells the story of the illegal acquisition by a priest of a fortune of \$200,000,000 left by a Corsican sea captain named Costa. A man now employed as a railroad guard is believed to be the rightful heir to the money. The dispatch adds that the recent resignation of a high Italian official was caused by a desire to be free in order that he might endeavor to fathom the mystery.

WELLMAN HAS A CHANCE TO REACH THE POLE

Tells the Arctic Club at Its Banquet that It Would Make Success a Practical Certainty.

ONLY \$100,000 NEEDED

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The annual dinner of the Arctic Club, composed of men who have had experience in the Arctic regions, was held to-night, Professor Brewster, of Yale, presiding.

The guest of honor was Walter Wellman, of Washington. Mr. Wellman, in the course of his address, proposed that the Arctic Club itself fit out an expedition to reach the north pole. He suggested that a committee be formed to prepare the plan and select the leaders and the members of the party. He said that if an American citizen of wealth who wished that America should have the honor of being the first to reach the pole would come forward with the necessary funds, about \$100,000, he would turn over to the club his plan for attaining the pole.

"From actual experience in the field, and study and experiment," said the speaker, "I have evolved a plan which is morally certain of securing the trophy for the expedition which uses it. The plan embraces new principles and methods which will double the traveling effectiveness of a sledging party. With present methods a party can make at the most an average of ten miles a day. By my plan there is no doubt at all that twenty miles a day can be made on an average. The method which I propose is perfectly simple and feasible and will mark as great an advance in sledging as the motor car marked over the horse car. An expedition employing this plan is as sure to reach the pole as a sailing ship is to reach the Cape of Good Hope. That is, barring shipwreck or other unforeseen disaster."

Mr. Wellman said that he had no wish to go again to the Arctic regions himself, but would aid the club in finding a good officer and crew if the funds could be procured.

SAYS HENRY VILLARD WAS OF UNSOUND MIND

Suit Brought by Only Daughter of Set Aside the Late Millionaire's Will.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Helen Villard Bell, the only daughter of the late Henry Villard, has brought suit in the Supreme Court of Westchester county to set aside the will of the millionaire, according to the story to be published in the World to-morrow.

In her complaint, to which she made oath before United States Consul General Frank H. Mason, in Berlin, on Nov. 5, last, Mrs. Bell alleges that the will and testament was never executed by Henry Villard in conformity with the requirements of law. At the time of the alleged execution she alleges that Henry Villard was of unsound mind and incapable of making a testamentary disposition of his property. She also alleges that the will was submitted to probate on Dec. 29, 1900, by the surrogate of Westchester county "is not the last will and testament of said Henry Villard."

Of the \$3,000,000 personal estate left by Mr. Villard Mrs. Bell received \$127,000.

TOM L. JOHNSON HURRIES TO BEDSIDE OF BROTHER

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he left at Cleveland yesterday morning. However, he did not receive it until after he reached home. He started for Indianapolis as soon as he learned of the death of his brother and arrived here yesterday evening. He was met at the train by Joss and E. M. Johnson, who were his brothers-in-law. He was admitted to the room of his brother, but the dying man did not recognize him. Mr. Johnson was much affected, and believed when he realized that his brother's death was probably a question of only a few hours. Later in the night he visited the hospital again.

Considerable difficulty was experienced yesterday in locating the wife and daughter of the sick man. Mrs. Johnson was formerly Miss Fannie McDowell, of this city. She and her husband and adopted daughter spend their summers at the lake resort near Detroit, which is a lake resort near Detroit. In the winter they spend a good part of the time in Detroit. They were arranged to spend this winter in California. When Mr. Tom L. Johnson received the telegram announcing the death of his brother he immediately tried to reach his sister-in-law by wire. He thought she was in Detroit but did not know her address. He sent telegrams to a half dozen of his Detroit acquaintances and each of them went out to seek Mrs. Johnson's whereabouts. Finally they found her and her daughter at Whitehall. They were expected to arrive in Indianapolis at 3:30 o'clock this morning and John Tom Johnson was at the station to meet them at that time.

SICK MAN WEALTHY.

William L. Johnson is about forty-six years of age. Like his brother he has accumulated a considerable fortune. He was formerly president of the Southern Street-railway Company of St. Louis and at one time was one of the largest stockholders of that concern. For several years he has been in delicate health. Thirty years ago the Johnsons came to Indianapolis from the street railway company. At that time there were three brothers, Thomas, William and Albert Johnson. With them was a cousin, John Johnson, who took control of the street railway company. He died in 1888, when they sold the plant for nearly a million dollars. A few years ago the Johnsons were back in Indianapolis. Johnson went to St. Louis and became identified with the Southern street railway. Albert Johnson went to Cleveland and remained in the East. He died a few years ago. The late William L. Johnson for many years controlled the street railway of Cleveland. His political career in Ohio is well known.

INJUNCTION AGAINST REJANE, THE ACTRESS

PARIS, Dec. 12.—M. Porel, against whom his wife, Mme. Rejane, has instituted divorce proceedings and who has brought a counter suit, has taken a judicial step to prevent the appearance of Mme. Rejane at any other theater here than his own. He has obtained an injunction from the judicial managers of Paris, announcing the withdrawal of the authorization given to his wife to appear at the Folies-Bergere, without his consent, and has forbidden the withdrawal of the authorization or to act in theatrical engagements or to act in Montmartre, which play was written for her by M. Porel's dictation. Mme. Rejane declares that she will not observe this prohibition and will make any engagements she may wish to.

True to Roosevelt.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 12.—Chairman F. Frazer, of the state Republican committee, and F. McAllester, secretary, to-night gave out the following statement: "We deny the published statement telegraphed from the Mississippi delegation that there is practically no opposition by Republicans in Mississippi to his nomination for President by Roosevelt."

Old Negro Soldier Frozen.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 12.—At 11 o'clock to-night the temperature was 10 degrees above zero and falling. Zero is expected before daylight to-morrow morning. William Hillyard, a negro veteran of the civil war, wandered from the hospital of the Leavenworth (Kan.) Soldiers' Home to-day, and was found, frozen to death, some hours later.

Stolen Jewels Returned.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—In the back yard of the residence of Mrs. Dora Casner a bundle was found to-day which contained almost all the \$20,000 worth of jewelry stolen from a safe in her bedroom last Sunday. Several rings, valued at \$800, have not yet been recovered.

Murray to Succeed Bruce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Charles H. Murray will be the president of the New York county Republican committee, succeeding M. Linn Bruce, whose resignation was announced last week.

Crusade Against Straw Bondsmen.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A crusade against straw bondsmen has been inaugurated by the county authorities here and strong efforts will be made to put an end to their lucrative practices about the city station house. As a result wholesale arrests are expected within a few days.

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THREE AMERICANS AND SEVEN NATIVES KILLED

Deadly Effect of Fumes of Dynamite Exploded in a Philippine Quarry.

MANILA, Dec. 12.—Three Americans and seven natives were killed yesterday by the fumes of a blast of forty-six tons of dynamite in a quarry of the Atlantic & Pacific Company at Mariveles, near the entrance to Manila bay. Among those killed were Joseph Law, superintendent, and Thomas Strader, engineer.

BUTLER'S FEVER IS NOT YET CHECKED

Two Deaths and Nine New Cases Reported—More Help Needed from Outside World.

BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 12.—Two deaths and nine new cases of typhoid fever were reported to the relief committee up to 6 o'clock this evening. Notwithstanding the belief of several of the prominent physicians that the disease is rapidly subsiding, the committee who are working night and day to stamp out the scourge, think differently. Burgess Kennedy says to have such a report credited will check the contributions, of which the committee stands in need.

Miss Clara Burton, president of the Red Cross Society of America, and her staff aids, Gen. W. H. Sears, of Lawrence, Pa., and Dr. J. E. Hubbell, of Washington, D. C., who have assisted her in her work in Cuba, Turkey and other European points, Butler's appearance before the executive committee this evening was greeted with applause and the venerable leader responded in one of her simple sympathetic speeches.

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SALSBUURY SLEPT IN THE WITNESS STAND

Proceedings in the Water Scandal Case at Grand Rapids Conspicuously Lacking in Interest.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 12.—Proceedings in the Lake Michigan water scandal to-day were so devoid of new features of a sensational character that Lant K. Salsbury, the central figure in the corruption scheme, went to sleep in the witness chair. This occurred in Police Court with accepting a bribe, appeared in Police Court, and after waiting further examination was held to the Superior Court by the judge.

Peter De Paster, a member of the present Board of Aldermen, who is charged with accepting a bribe, appeared in Police Court, and after waiting further examination was held to the Superior Court by the judge.

Ex-Alderman Adrian Schriver, who pleaded guilty of accepting a bribe, was cited to appear for sentence to-day in the Superior Court, but the case was not called, owing to the absence of Judge Newham from the city.

Window Smasher Must Go to Jail.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 12.—The Supreme Court to-day upheld the thirty-day jail sentence imposed by the Shawnee county District Court upon Blanch Boise, a disciple of Carrie Nation, for smashing the plate-glass fronts of seven drug stores in a year ago, and Miss Boise must go to jail.

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